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SUBJECT: GERMAN TRADE RUMORS RE POSSIBLE EC ACTION ON
POULTRY GATE PRICES AND LEVIES

1. GERMAN TRADE SOURCES REPORT THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING THE ANNUAL POULTRY GATE PRICES/LEVIES REVIEW BY THE EC TO RESULT IN A MODEST DECLINE IN GATE PRICES OF FROM 5 TO 10 PERCENT AS OF 1 AUGUST 1975. THE DECLINE IS REPORTEDLY DUE ONLY TO CHANGES IN WORLD FEED GRAIN PRICES.

2. CONVERSELY, THESE SOURCES REPORT THAT VARIABLE IMPORT LEVIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED DRASTICALLY, I.E. ANYWHERE FROM 100 TO 200 PERCENT, DEPENDING ON TYPE OF PRODUCT. NO DETAILS WERE KNOWN.

3. THESE EXPECTED DRASTIC INCREASES REPORTEDLY ARE DUE TO THE REINTRODUCTION OF PART "A" OF THE LEVY WHICH REPRESENTS A COMPENSATORY FACTOR FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EC AND WORLD FEED GRAIN PRICES. PART "A" IS PRESENTLY
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ZERO DUE TO THE FACT THAT WORLD FEED GRAIN PRICES

WERE AT, OR EXCEEDED EC FEED GRAIN PRICES DURING THE
REFERENCE PERIOD FOR CALCULATION OF THE PRESENT LEVY.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON THIS INFORMATION IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT THE EC IS NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING E THE U.S. REQUEST
TO CHANGE ITS METHOD OF CALCULATION OF THE POULTRY GATE
PRICES AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENT METHOD.
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